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"Within the time that can be checked by their traditions nearly all movement, all communication, seems to have been eastwards, and now and then from certain established migration routes southwards, where the various tribes exchanged what was of use to one another. There is no recollection of any journey westwards towards Cape Bathurst having been undertaken, and knowledge of the lands on the west was restricted to the simple fact that they knew there were people there too."

I feel certain that they were made for sale, either by Copper Eskimos, or, more probably, by western Eskimos who entered their country after 1914. They correctly reproduce the tangless form of the women's knife still current in Mackenzie Delta and in Alaska, a form that was

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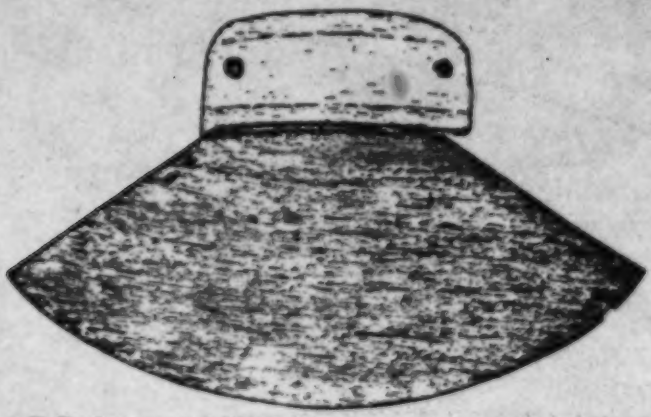

Figure 83. Tangless woman's knife, probably of western Eskimo origin. IV.D.1887. 1/3.

Figure 84. Knife with copper blade, found in old stone house on Victoria Island. IX.D.180. 1/1.

prevalent in prehistoric times in the Copper Eskimo region also, where, in addition to tangless, stone-bladed knives, two copper-bladed ones have been found, one in an old stone house on Victoria Island, the other (Figure 84) in a stone grave on the small Read Island in Dolphin and Union Strait.